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Paul M. Munchbach, Town Clerk
Town of Dedham
26 Bryant Street
Dedham, MA 02026

Re: Dedham Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 2014 ----- Case # 7277
Warrant Articles # 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 (Zoning)
Warrant Articles # 31, 32, and 33 (General)

Dear Mr. Munchbach:

Articles 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 33 - We approve these Articles, and the maps pertaining to Articles 25, 29, and 30, from the May 19, 2014, Dedham Annual Town Meeting. We will return the approved maps to you by regular mail.

Article 32 - Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, the deadline for the Attorney General's decision on Article 32 has been extended by agreement with Town Counsel for 60 days until November 15, 2014. The agreement with Town Counsel is attached to this decision.

Note: Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) **general** by-laws and amendments take effect on the date that these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) **zoning** by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were voted by Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

Very truly yours,

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